



INFORMATION SHEET

Route 1/17 Widening for Merge Lanes, City of Santa Cruz

Project Purpose	The purpose of the proposed project is to target specific areas within the Route 1/17 interchange where cost effective improvements can be implemented to address localized safety and operational deficiencies.
Background	Motorists traveling northbound on Route 1 and southbound on Route 17 must navigate the 1/17 interchange through loop ramps and difficult merges. The traffic volumes through the interchange have surpassed the original design volumes, resulting in congestion, inefficient traffic flow and accidents.
Project Description	The proposed project would add merge lanes to the connection between northbound Route 1 and northbound Route 17, and to southbound Route 1 through the 1/17 interchange. Existing bridge structures would be widened or replaced, and soundwalls constructed. The project area would be landscaped with redwoods, live oaks, and vines playing a prominent role in the proposed planting design.
Project Cost	Construction cost: \$52 million estimated
Funding Sources	The project is proposed to be funded through the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).
Project Timeline	Uncertain -- pending allocation of highway funds
Questions	For more information, please contact Caltrans at (831) 423-0396 or http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/projects/#scr



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